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Environment Department to Offer Free Water Testing in Tesuque Saturday

(Santa Fe, NM) - The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) Ground Water Quality Bureau, in collaboration with the Pueblo of Pojoaque, Santa Fe County, North Central New Mexico Economic Development District, and Los Alamos National Laboratory, will offer free testing of water from private domestic wells this Saturday, June 19th in Tesuque.

The free testing for pH, conductivity, organic vapors, nitrate, sulfate, fluoride, iron, and heavy metals will be held from 9am to 2 pm at the Tesuque Elementary School, 1555 Bishops Lodge Road. Residents of Tesuque and neighboring communities are encouraged to attend.

In order to be tested, samples must be at least ½ gallon in volume, freshly drawn from a cold water tap, and brought in a covered, clean glass or plastic container that did not previously contain milk, pickles, juice, or other substances with strong odor. If possible, samples should be collected before passing through any water treatment system, such as a water softener, reverse osmosis, or an activated carbon filter.

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